

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain with Claims 1, 7, and 13 amended herein.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Internet Explorer Screen Capture ("Screen Capture," Figures 1-5). The Examiner states that based on claim language, Screen Capture teaches Applicant's invention.

Screen Capture and the included figures 1-5 shows the back/forward icons in the Microsoft IE toolbar. These back/forward icons have directional arrows on them and a hover help that tells what page you will navigate to if selected. However, they simply go back to the last (immediately preceding) web page the user was at. This last page could actually be forward within the current web site. Thus, the back/forward icons are an example of the problem solved by the Applicant herein.


As amended herein, Claims 1, 7, and 13 claim logically navigating within a multi-page HTML document on a web site. A direction indicator is installed relative to a reference link shown on a page within the document on the web site. The direction indicator is surfaced prior to selection of the reference link in order to inform the user whether the link is logically forward or backward within the multi-page HTML document. Thus, as stated in the Specification at page 1, lines 14-17 and page 2, lines 3-8, a user is able to know, before selecting a hyperlink, for example, in an online book, whether the link will take him BACK or FORWARD in the book (multi-page

that the user can click on to see a hover help. Efrat: (US Pat no. 6,570,587) describes a way to put links on video frames, allowing someone watching a movie on a PC to click on a link that displays on a contiguous series of frames so that some action can occur.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is respectfully requested. No additional fee is seen to be required; however, in the event an additional fee is required, please charge that fee to deposit account number 09-0461.

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